

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 652 without my signature.

This bill makes a credible effort to clarify the often contradictory and confusing guidelines for the naming of state highways and structures. However, the process outlined in this bill essentially cedes control of the placement of these types of signs on the state highway system to local officials based on the desire of just one state legislator who requests a sign. This method could result in an undesirable plethora of signs throughout our state.

Since these are state highways, any process devised must have the final authority for the placement of these signs reside at the state level, either in a full vote of the state Legislature or by actions taken by the Executive Branch. I encourage the Legislature to work on the development of guidelines that clarifies the naming process while maintaining the ultimate authority for the placement of these signs with the State of California.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger